

Grid West Near Term Services Talking Points for April RRG Meeting

By now many folks have heard Grid West has been starting to consider how near term services fit into its development plan.

If Grid West is going to offer a viable solution to the region's transmission problems, we do need to address how it gets started. The TSLG is developing a vision of future grid administration, but that model is not a starting point.

That vision is rich with fairly advanced features (flow based rights, reducing pancaking, full consolidation of some control areas)

It will take several years to develop the more substantial parts of the TSLG model

Staging has always been part of the concept and now is the time to talk about potential early steps in Grid West evolution.

Any consideration of near term activity must include addressing how subsequent change will be managed. Regional accountability should not be diminished.

Progress beyond initial service must include a clear vision of increased value and be acceptable to the region and stakeholders.

Some preliminary brainstorming indicates Grid West can begin some significant services quite quickly:

Example – Planning as a non-FERC jurisdictional Grid West selling administration service to transmission owners to improve the process of selling service under their existing OATTs. (include general business construct, some activity description, resources and funding)

Other examples – cite MM and CCA without extra discussion

There may be common ideas and interests we share with TIG. I do not see this as an effort to preempt TIG, but as a need for Grid West continue development of a complete and viable solution.

Potential next steps –

Small legal group explores how to arrange the business structure (application of bylaws, etc.)

Small group (maybe 5) draft more detail of sample activities in this earliest stage of the Regional Proposal.